



## H.R. 6040 – TO AMEND THE WATER RESOURCES DEVELOPMENT ACT OF 2007 TO CLARIFY THE AUTHORITY OF THE SECRETARY OF THE ARMY TO PROVIDE REIMBURSEMENT FOR TRAVEL EXPENSES INCURRED BY MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE ON LEVEE SAFETY

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### FLOOR SITUATION

H.R. 6040 is being considered on the floor under suspension of the rules and will require a two-thirds majority vote for passage. This legislation was introduced by Representative John Mica (R-FL) on May 13, 2008. The legislation was referred to the House Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure, but was never considered.

H.R. 6040 is expected to be considered on the floor of the House on June 23, 2008.

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### SUMMARY

H.R. 6040 amends the Water Resources Development Act of 2007 by providing reimbursement for the travel expenses incurred by members of the Committee on Levee Safety subject to the availability of appropriations. The bill clarifies the reimbursement process for the travel expenses of the Committee on Levee Safety by making it “subject to the availability of appropriations” instead of amounts made available in advance by appropriations bills.

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### BACKGROUND

The bill amends the Water Resources Development Act (P.L. 110-114). The Act established a sixteen member Committee on Levee Safety to provide safety recommendations for the National Safety Levee Program. The Act authorized the Army Corps of Engineers to provide reimbursement for the travel expenses of Committee members to the extent that amounts were made available in advance of appropriation made for the Act.

The National Levee Safety Program is run by the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers for purposes which include reducing the risk of flood damage to property and human life, developing a clear national levee safety policy and standards, and maintaining a sustainable flood damage reduction system that meets public safety needs.

[U.S. Army Corps of Engineers - National Levee Safety Program Fact Sheet](#)

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### COST

The Congressional Budget Office did not have a cost estimate available for H.R. 6040 as of June 21, 2008.

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